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WHY DR. HAWKES DECLINED.

He Discriminated Between Young Rascals and Hawks.

North Carolina probably never produced an older preacher than Dr. Francis L. Hawkes, who a quarter of a century ago was pastor of Grace Episcopal church, New York. Short, thick set, scanty, black eyes and black hair, he was a striking personage. He was not only a great pulpit orator, but considered the best reader in the New York Episcopate. His rather luxurious family derived him from accepting a bishopric, which would have been otherwise filled. One day a delegation from a Baptist church waited upon and invited him to accept a pastorate in that city.

"Well, gentlemen, other things being satisfactory, the question of acceptance narrows down to a business matter," said Dr. Hawkes. "What salary do you offer?"

"Dr. Hawkes," said the spokesman, "we recognize that you have a high reputation and are willing to be heard. Our recent pastor has received \$2,500, but on account of your standing we have decided to offer you \$3,500."

"My good man," cried the doctor, grasping the speaker's hand, "what salary I am receiving here?"

"No, sir."

"I get \$15,000 and this parsonage, and as I have an expensive family I do not see my way clear to accept your offer."

The spokesman looked rather perplexed, but made another essay.

"If we had known that fact, sir, we would undoubtedly have looked elsewhere, but you should remember that the work of the Lord must be done, and as for providing for your family, you know the story of the ravens."

"Now, friends," responded the clergyman, apologetically, "I have made the Bible my study ever since I was twenty-eight. I have read it through carefully and prayerfully over a hundred times. I remember the raven incident perfectly, but no man can find any reference to the Lord providing for young Hawkes."

—Washington Post.

She Meant the Other Mr. Jones.

He had never seen a telephone—you can see how old the story is. He had never seen a telephone, and his friend was showing him how it worked. It was in his office. He called up his house and the wife came to the telephone.

"My dear Mr. Jones is here, and I have asked him to come to the dinner."

Then he turned to Mr. Jones and said: "Put your ear to that, and you'll hear her answer."

He did, and this was the answer: "Now, John, I told you I would never have that miserable wretch in my house again."

"What was that?" spoke out Mr. Jones. Women are quick. A man would have simply looked away from the telephone and said no more. She stood in the situation in a second when the least hint of a smile and quick as a flash came back the sweetest kind of a voice.

"Why, Mr. Jones, how do you do? I thought you had asked me to meet Mr. Jones. He came up to dinner. I shall be glad to see you." —San Francisco Chronicle.

All the old and middle-aged Baptists not only of Baltimore, but a large section of the south, will remember the celebrated Dr. Fuller, whose eloquence and powerful exhortations brought thousands into fellow ship with that church. Shortly after the close of the war he was making a number of addresses through South Carolina. One Sunday he preached to a large outdoor meeting of colored people near Beaufort, the congregation of the Rev. Mr. Murchison, a colored clergyman of limited education, but strong native talent. Like many of his class his prayers and sermons abounded in set phrases and metaphors which were brought into play with frequency and effect. But it must have startled good Dr. Fuller to hear his sermon preached by the concluding invocation of Brother Murchison's set and accustomed prayer: "An' now, O Lord, bless de foolish words which are about to fall from de sinful an' polluted lips o' de unworthy servant." —Washington Post.

Ignorance Johnny.

Mrs. Dumpey—See here, Johnny Dumpey! You have been in swimming. Now don't deny it.

Johnny Dumpey—Cross my heart, I ain't!

Mrs. Dumpey—Careful, sh! How does your shirt happen to be on wrong side out?

Johnny Dumpey—Ma and Bill Brown have been turnin' somersaults all the morning. —Burlington Free Press.

Explaining His smallness.

"How is it, Tom? Tommy is so small for his age, Mrs. Briggs?"

"Oh, the little dear always was a shrinking child," explained his mother. —New York Sun.

A Very Tame Athlete.



Mr. Van Towner shows Mr. Perry a new walk and two rustic youths who are attracted to the spot this comment upon the performance:

"What's them city fellers doin' Link?"

"Wrastlin' side-holt, Treckon. Mighty tame wrastlin', though." —Harper's Bazar.

Origin of Lynch Law.

It is not generally known that the term "lynch law" originated in Campbell county, Va., before the revolutionary war. At that period the country was thinly settled and was infested with Tories and desperadoes—too many of them, apparently, for the local authorities to adequately punish. Col. Charles Lynch, a distinguished officer of the revolutionary army, undertook to rid his country of the outlaws. He organized a lot of arrested the outlaws, and having enlisted him and comrades of the militia of the county, executed them without reference to the constituted authorities. While not altogether approving of the desperate remedy for a desperate cause, the beneficial effect of Col. Lynch's action was recognized, and has since been known as "lynch law" or "lynch law."

Lynch's process of meting out speedy justice extended to other parts of the country, and is a well recognized form of redress of grievances today, particularly for that class of offenses that are typically believed not to be adequately punished by the statutes and courts of the state. Col. Lynch's brother gave his name to Lynchburg, and left a son who was subsequently governor of Louisiana. —The Chicago Dispatch.

An Early Mill.

The want of mills is everywhere a great deprivation in a new country; varied have been the devices for overcoming it. A substitute for a mill was used in the early settling of western New York and probably to some extent in Ohio. It consists of a stump hollowed out to fit a mortar, with a log attached to the end of a young sapling bent over to act as a pestle. This process was slow and tedious, it being a day's work to convert a bushel of corn into meal.

The early settlers in western New York when they owned a few slaves, which some of them did, employed them in this drudgery, hence the process was vulgarly termed "miserable corn." People of humanity in our time would not be guilty of using such an expression as this. No one thing shows the general moral advance of the American people more strongly than their treatment of and increased consideration for the humblest classes among them.—Hovey's Historical Collections of Ohio.

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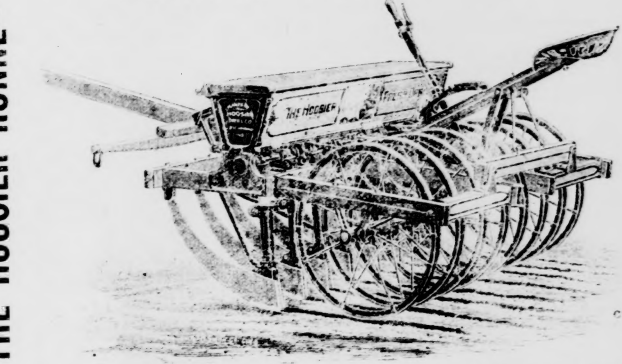
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"—Well, you are aware that people reported drowned at sea sometimes have a way of coming to life again. The sea is a queer place, and it's difficult to be sure what becomes of a man in a heavy storm when everything's as black as pitch. That again, young Nolan, you must admit, might not be convenient to have supposed he was permanently out of the way. It would start in your mind a new question, the terrible fear of ever being interfered with. When this affair is blown over or blown dead up, he might come back and all would be right again. I don't say that is what has happened. I only say it might be so. And that is the thing that Mr. Martin was afraid of—the family, it seems a little odd that he should be afraid of the family. He must have known what a name the mother and sister would have put upon it."

"I hope with all my heart your theory may be the true one, and I judge," "But I fear the latter is correct," he added, after a pause. "There can be no doubt that the hurricane, nor that the ship was the steamer." There was no necessity of inventing a report of his death; he would be as safe in Mexico or New Zealand as at the bottom of the Atlantic. So I'm not sure the story is gone."

"I trust that report will be taken now, I'm afraid his memory. The cause of justice would not be vindicated, and it would add a terrible pang to his mother and sister's grief. Some considerations should be shown to them."

"Well, let us go down to the court room, and let the doctor, rising and kneeling, but I don't suppose any can dare to trample on a dead man's name, even the woman he was in love with."

This surmise proved partly correct. On the case being called, counsel for the plaintiff submitted that the client was deposed to, and that the prosecution, in the case of where the prisoner was, and the report of his death was put in. The court declared that the prisoner appeared to have intended forfeiting his bail, and was of opinion that the evidence of death was insufficient. But as the plaintiff wished to withdraw, and there was only a matter of technical procedure, the court would be adjourned to-morrow on the question of a treating the dead would be decided.

CHAPTER XIV

A POWERFUL ALLY



"I wish to tell you something that may decide how he is, and then you will be able, perhaps, to help me find out where he is and what his record is. I don't suppose you know that Percy was my only son."

The detective intimated that he did not.

"My other brother's name was Jerrold. He died a few years ago. They had reason to think that his death was hastened by foul means. The man whom he accused of the crime had been shot in New York several times, but at last, after having been confined for over a year, the accused was acquitted. He said that he would be revenged upon us. Why may he not have taken this way to be revenged?"

The inspector began to be interested.

"What was his name?" he asked.

"His name was Horace Dupre. He was a medical student."

"Tell me the circumstances. I may recollect something of it."

"When my brother Jerrold left college he decided to be a physician, and he took up the study of his subject here in New York. He attended lectures and went to the hospitals. He was fond of fun and a favorite with his fellow students, and I suppose he was rather imprudent in his habits. He was good natured and excitable and the others led him on."

"Was there anything about him?" was this time a supper given to one of the students who had got through his course. He was the Horace Dupre I spoke of. He was a clever man, I believe. I never saw him, and he and Jerrold were great friends. There were ten or twelve other young men who were invited to drink and eat a bowl of wine and became noisy and excited. They began to play practical jokes on one another. At last Horace Dupre got up to make a speech. My brother, who sat near him, kept interrupting him with jokes and laughing. He got angry finally. Dupre did not stand up to him, but he said something insulting. Then my brother instantly threw a glass of wine in his face, glass and all."

"Dupre rushed at him and struck him with his fist. They began to fight; but my brother was the stronger, and he struck Dupre in the face, so that he fell over a chair. Then the others separated and went home. Afterward, however, I forgot his anger, and wanted to make friends with Dupre again, but Dupre would not for a while, but the others urged him, until at last he laughed and came and shook hands with my brother, and pretended that he was quite reconciled, but I saw that he was still very angry. Some men that he would be even with Nolan yet."

"They had been on the point of breaking up, but after this they got to drinking and talking again and Dupre came and sat down by my brother, and kept filling his glass for him. He drank and talked and talked and talked, until my brother got quite intoxicated and acted foolishly. It was then after midnight, and the young men began to go home, and Dupre said he would see my brother to his lodgings. My father and mother and myself were not in New York just then, so we could not go along with them, watching their place on account of the money being delicate, and Jerrold was staying in furnished rooms in a boarding house."

"He and Dupre started off together after leaving the others. My brother could walk, but he was not so steady as usual, and he was going along leaning on my arm. Twenty-third street, some way down. The door had a covered porch to it and was nearly on a level with the sidewalk. It was a winter night, but there was no snow on the ground."

"It was not quite twelve in the morning when I went back to the restaurant together. At 12 o'clock the policeman whose beat was that part of Twenty-third street saw some one lying in the porch of the boarding house. He examined and found that he was in evening dress, with an overcoat on; he was insensible and his pulse had stopped beating. He called for a doctor, and I went along, and saw there was something wrong. At last he found a bruise on his head, behind the ear, made with some blunt instrument, for the skin was not cut, but it had produced concussion of the brain. Towards dawn he partly recovered consciousness, and when he came to he remembered nothing about it. I told everything about Dupre, but they could not get anything definite from him. A telegram was sent to us at Old Point Comfort, where we were stopping. My mother was too ill to move, I stayed with her, and my father went on at once, but he arrived too late. My brother died."

"The doctor," father said, "and also broke off."

The story had been told with such simplicity, but with intense vividness and earnestness. The scenes which described seemed to be before me as the speaker, and the emotion which he had given me pressed broke forth in a flood of questions. "Did your father let me hear himself?" he asked. "My father had no present field, the young man who had been invited at the supper were called upon to testify, as they told of the murder and the appearance of the murderer, and it was shown that if my brother had been the last person seen by my brother, he had information Dupre said that he had taken him home and left him in his bed, a bleeding him good night; and though my brother had seemed not to be himself, yet he was able to take care of himself." He denied any knowledge of the case. But he said that he had seen my brother, and that it was not till the next night he had emptied my mind of the memory to make it appear as if my brother was the work of some third party. So the corner held him.

"Let me under the case now," put in the inspector. "The case was pushed against him because, but it broke down at last for want of conclusive evidence, and

"I do not believe he was innocent. Inspector Byrnes! I am sure that he was guilty, and, having escaped punishment for that, he means to do us more injury than he has done. He would injure have been ruined by an unjust accusation! It would have stimulated him to prove by his after life that he had been wronged."

"Do you know what his subsequent life has been?" inquired the inspector.

"I have heard enough to know that it has been what I should have expected it to be. He has associated with low and dishonest people; he has gone under different names, and it is probable that he may have been arrested more than once for other crimes. I have always felt that since that my enemy, and have expected that something like this would happen. I am the only one of us left to fight him. Inspector Byrnes. He killed my eldest brother; he was the means of bringing about the disgrace and death of Percy; my father died. I have always felt that since that my heart is broken down invalid. But I am strong and well, and I am determined to bring him to justice! Will you help me?"

Her eyes darkened and her cheeks flushed as she put the question. The inspector, though he had never seen her, knew that this woman was of the correctness of her theory, was touched by her earnestness.

"In what way would you expect me to assist you?" he inquired.

"You can communicate with the police in all parts of the country," she answered, "and you know that you are the history of all the criminals who have been arrested in New York and in many other places. What I ask you to do is to trace the record of Horace Dupeux from the time he left the jail on the termination of his trial till now. Find out his associates, and make them give evidence against an inquiry, by his allies have claimed, I suppose, that he was exonerated, and whether he was not in New York on the day that Mrs. Tunstall lost her money. If so—was—and I am sure it will turn out to be—it will be found that he had money to spend soon afterwards, and perhaps some one of the bank notes can be traced to him. I am sure that if he had been in the prisoner's dock, I shall have lived long enough!"

"Upon my word, Miss Nolens," remarked the inspector with a smile, "I wouldn't envy the man who had done you an injury, to be like your ally. As for this fellow Dupeux, or any one else, has been guilty of the crimes you charge him with I hope with all my heart you may live to see him convicted of them—and a long time afterwards too. As for my share in the business, I can assure you that all possible investigations shall be made, and if Dupeux has really joined the criminal classes, it will probably only be a question of time before we run across him. It is something to have a definite person suspected in connection with this affair. I don't want to give you any hope, but I can tell you that I shall endeavor to say that it is not impossible some thing may come out of this."

"I don't ask for promises—only let something be done!" Pauline replied, rising and giving her hand to the detective. He felt the strong clasp of her little fingers, and smiled again.

"You may depend upon my being at least as good as my word," he said kindly. "Your cause is a good one, and, so far as I am connected with it, you may be certain that it will not suffer. But you must be prepared for disappointment, and you must be patient."

CHAPTER XV.
A MESSAGE FROM THE SEA.

T had been the custom with the Nolens, during the summer months, to go to a seaside resort in a motor car, to the Point, on the New England coast. They owned a small cottage there, consisting of a sitting room, a dining room, a kitchen, and a veranda, the area of which was larger than all the rest of the house. The house stood upon a low bluff directly overlooking the beach. There was a semicircular lawn in front of the house, and at five hours, or half an hour before, had been constructed, to the end of which a croquet was moored.

It was a pretty place, but a very quiet one. To reach it it was necessary to drive five or six miles from the railway station in the neighboring town. There were no motor cars, and the people were perhaps more contented, and the houses were perhaps more comfortable, than the Nolens' cottage, and occupied chiefly by artists. Millions of paint and brushes were furnished by the farm houses in the vicinity and could be caught by any one with a painting line and a boat, mast and gaff, and a bucket of paint.

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ould have been a much happier man. On the other hand, Pauline was quite able to veil her feelings; and no young woman of healthy mind can be expected to show what emotion may be in her, or even to acknowledge it to herself, unless it is of a very challenging kind.

At length, having become quite accustomed to the management of the boat, they decided to make the trip to the island. The lunch basket was packed and stowed amidships; fish lines and hooks were placed in the locker, in case they should get caught; and the last of the cushions and wraps were provided for Mrs. Nolen, and extra ballast was put into the hold, in order to keep her steady in case the wind should increase. An early start was made, for the breeze was so light as scarcely to ruffle the water, and set nearly all the sails on edge, so that the girls wished to go on in order to get out of the little cove it was necessary to use the oars; but after that the wind gently swelled the sail, and, proceeding by long tacks, they slowly made their way toward the island that seemed to quiver and waver in the heat on the horizon.

About five o'clock the breeze freshened a little, and the boat slipped more swiftly, but still with an even, gliding motion, through the water. The judge, who fancied he detected signs of line-fish, now relinquished the helm to Pauline, and, after a few minutes, the spud was thrown out astern, and at a tiny wake through the waves, while the judge, with his finger on the line, watched it like a hawk. For an hour, in spite of several false alarms, nothing was caught, but finally there was an unmistakable tug, and the line was cast. Pauline rapidly cut his line, and in a few moments, had the pleasure of lifting on board a fine large demijohn, tightly corked, which had been hooked by the handle.

After the laugh had subsided the judge suggested that the demijohn might contain something of the kind that he had heard against the gunwale of the boat. About a pint of salt water came out and then a fragment of wood—apparently part of the lid of a cigar box, on which something had been written with a pencil. The writing was almost obliterated, but two or three lines, or portions of verses, were still remained.

"See if you can make them out, Pauline," said the judge, after scrutinizing the inscription a few moments. "Your eyes are better than mine."

Holding the tiller in her left hand Pauline took the bit of wood in her right and read it as it lay.

"I don't know," she said presently, "and some figures—a date, I suppose. Ah!"

Her lips closed tightly and her eyes dilated. The boat swung round into the wind and lay with the sail flapping. She had forgotten the tiller.

"What is it?" asked the judge in surprise.

"She fasts her eyes, and then glances steadily toward her mother."

"Nothing," said she, "but put the helm over again. The boat has lost its way, and the water bubbling under the keel. Yes, Nolen glancing toward the vessel, which lay across their path, had the same feeling."

After a moment, she leaned toward him and whispered in his ears: "It is the name of the steamer in which Percy sailed, and the date of his departure. He must have thrown it overboard in the storm—perhaps it is his own writing. Say nothing; mother must not know."

She thrust the bit of wood into the front of her dress, while the judge drew back with a grave concern. She and her mother, and the date of the hurricane, strange ever, indeed. That demijohn that had been drifting about on the ocean current, for months, to be brought, at last, to the very bay for which it had been perhaps intended. Pauline did not heed that Percy had thrown it overboard at the moment when all hope seemed gone, and probably just after the storm, for she was so full of the shock, and it so much had been to her, that he had in his heart addressed it.

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Local News.

TAKE advantage of the bargain dis-
count sale. Strone & Whitehead.

BUY your New Year's gifts at Cliff's
bookstore The Great Bargain Centre.

The snow which fell on Monday night
and Tuesday will greatly improve the
sliding.

Mr. W. Warner has opened a book-
store, on south side of Rosser, near 6th
Street.

THE Y. M. C. A. have been lent an or-
gan till after holidays, when they intend
purchasing a new one.

THE school children in the city are
now over and the youth is waiting
patiently to hear the result.

Mr. Andrew Whitehead of Strone &
Whitehead has gone to the Pacific Coast
with a consignment of Manitoba butter and
eggs.

If you want to pass the best value in
town, go past Strone & Whitehead and
Strone & Whitehead & Co.

MESSRS. R. & S. Clement and Harry
Hooper are spending their holidays with
their parents.

Mr. T. B. L. Carpenter, has been on
the sick list lately but we hope to see him
around again soon.

DISSOLUTION. Sale prices below any-
thing in town. Strone and Whitehead.

Mr. J. S. PERRY, of St. Paul, man-
ager of the American Press Association
was in the city on Saturday on business
connected with that society.

A. G. LESTER has started the work
on his contract of painting the buildings
constructed on the G. N. W. Central
railway.

THE construction outfit on the N. P. &
M. road are gradually approaching the
city. The rails are now being laid on this
side of the Little Souris River.

ATTEND the Bankrupt Stock sale,
of manufactured furs at Miller & Co's.

WE are sorry to hear that Mrs. Wm.
Harper, of Crystal Spring Farm, has been
dangerously ill during the past week, with
little hopes of recovery.

THE Y. M. C. A. will hold their usual
reception on New Year's day, in their
rooms from 12 to 6 p. m. All are invited,
one is expected.

If you want bargains in dress goods, go
to Strone & Whitehead's great dissolution
sale. Prices away down.

MISS AGNES KNOX the great Canadian
Florentine will make her first appear-
ance here in McHardy's hall on
Monday evening Dec. 26th.

A Y. M. C. A. convention will be held
in Winnipeg from 13th to 16th of Febru-
ary then it is expected Brandon will send six
delegates.

COMING Physicians from Dr.
Kergan's Association of Detroit will be
at the Grand View Hotel, Wednesday
to 25th, and Friday evening Dec. 27th.
consultation free.

MESSRS. Bradley & Kevanagh are send-
ing a number of men into the woods on
the Little Saskatchewan to take out 250,
000 lbs. Brandon will likely be the
headquarters for furs next summer.

For bargains, eye-spectacles go to
Strone & Whitehead & Co.

THE Ladies Aid Society of the Metho-
dist church intend giving a concert in the
church on New Year's evening. The pro-
gramme is being prepared by the Bran-
don Girls Club.

STOKES for the new postoffice are arriv-
ing daily, and a shed will be built in
which stone cutters will work during the
winter, preparing stone for sills, corners,
etc. Eight men will be employed at this
work.

TAKE a tumble into that pile of goat
skins at Miller & Company.

THE sidewalk in front of Nation & Co's
store was blocked nearly all day Sat-
urday, Monday and Tuesday, the cause
of the obstruction being a road live "Santa
Claus" in their large window. It was a
novel plan of drawing attention.

MR. JAC. MITCHELL, of Gladstone, shot
five bears lately and brought in two of
the skins to the express to Brandon. He
sold them to Mr. W. H. Hooper who has
them hung on a telegraph pole in front
of his store. The skins are valued at
\$25 each.

THE entertainment given by the pup-
ils of the convent, on Thursday evening
in aid of the Hospital Fund, was a kind
of a failure. Such a good cause should
and a better attendance.

LADIES fur mantles away, away, away
again in price at Miller & Company.

ON Saturday last while Mr. George
Bennett was bringing a load of wood up
from below the coal sheds, the sled slid
around and threw him off the wood fall-
ing on him smothering one of his fingers
and cutting his head badly. He is badly
bruised but expects to be all right in a
few days.

THE path of duty leads but to Miller &
Co's.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway are offer-
ing round-trip tickets to points in Mani-
toba, Northwest Territories, Dakota and Min-
nesota at reduced rates during the Christ-
mas and New Year holidays. Call at the
City Ticket Office for full particulars.

THE Ladies Social Society intend giv-
ing a concert on 9th Jan. The principal
singers of the occasion will be Mrs. Col-
well and Mr. Warrington. Of Toronto, two
of Canada's best soloists. Tickets should
be purchased early as the seating capacity
is limited.

Capt. Wastie went to Winnipeg in the
beginning of the week.

MR. A. Runk left on Friday for a trip
to England.

MESSRS. Hall and McKellar, two school
teachers, are spending some of their holi-
days in the city.

MR. G. W. Matheson, one of the
officials on the M. & N. W. road, is
spending his Christmas vacation in town.

Rev. Mr. Truham, Presbyterian min-
ister, had a strange experience on
Christmas. He attended a funeral,
married two couples and baptized two
persons.

Rev. Dr. Williams, general superin-
tendent of the Methodist Church, died in
Toronto on Tuesday, aged 72. He had
been one of the best clergymen in Ont-
ario.

MR. GEORGE Reid left for his home near
Berlin, Ont. on Friday. He has taken
up his old home near Hartney and will return
in the spring.

THE Brandon Amateur Athletic Club
have taken charge of part of the Roller
Rink, and have started to fit it up for a
gymnasium. They have received a large
consignment of gymnastic appliances
from Spalding & Co. and will soon have
the gymnasium in full swing.

MESSRS. Russell & McKinnon, black-
smiths are doing a flourishing business.
Last week they put and set of horse-
shoes and are now on the 3 large set for Mr. J.
A. Christie, for use in the woods. Each
set are 6 ft. wide having runners 3 inches
wide and 10 lb. bands and weighs about
half a ton.

Clothing cheaper than ever. Strone &
Whitehead & Co.

SATURDAY'S Free Press appears as a
twenty four page paper, with seven col-
umns to the page, the largest and the
best presented paper ever published in the
country. Evidently Dave Martin's
custody against the paper is in no way di-
minishing its vigor or force in the country.
It contains a sketch of Brandon from the
pen of R. M. Matheson, which we repro-
duce.

MR. Lindsay of the firm of Parish &
Lindsay, and his wife were almost suffo-
cated last Sunday morning, by coal gas,
leaking from a Burlington stove. When
Mrs. Lindsay awoke she felt unwell and
heavily aroused her husband, who was
also drowsy and sick. By proper medical
treatment we are glad to say, they are
well as ever. This should be a warning
to users of coal stoves.

STRONE & Whitehead and Strone and
Whitehead & Co's sale will continue
through January. Bargains in every de-
partment and to everyone.

THE Court of Revision for North Bran-
don will be held in Brandon on the 15th
of January, that for South Brandon on
the 16th, and for Brandon City on the
17th of January. All appeals against the
electors' lists as conditions or removals
should be in the hands of the election
clerk by the 14th of January. The officer
for South Brandon is Eugene Cleveland,
Brandon Hills, and for the North, W.
A. Johnson, Brandon P. O.

DR. and Mrs. More are receiving the
sympathy of the entire community in
their recent and lamented loss of their
eldest son, Ellis G. H. Ellis was a
bright boy upwards of six years of age
and promised well for a life of usefulness
until stricken with the disease some
months ago that ended in his death on
Wednesday last. This on the great strike
on parents rendered truly severe on
account of its being the third death in the
family within two years. "Verily, in the
midst of life we are in death."

THE Ogilvie Milling company have se-
cured a corner on the wheat in the pro-
vince, and are now partially owners of the
entire lot save about half a million bushels,
which the Keocan Milling company have
secured. The action of the Ogilvie
company is an anticipation of an
increase in the flour duty, and to the fact
that they want to keep all the wheat now
in the province for their own milling
purposes. The price paid was high, and
all the dealers have sold out, making a
good margin. In consequence of the deal
which has risen very greatly in price
throughout the province.

THE Y. M. C. A. library is getting into
working order. A large number of books
has arrived and the reading room is now
ready for those who wish to take advan-
tage of it. A book case is being built,
and when it is ready more books will be
added. Any citizen who wishes to take
advantage of the library can do so by be-
coming a member and paying the same
fee charged railway men. The following
are officers: President, Mr. Pitts; vice-
president, Mr. Green; secretary, Mr.
Patterson; treasurer, J. C. Webb. The
managing committee are: Mr. Bogie, Mr.
A. E. Campbell, Mr. Dallington, Mr.
Glenn. Refuse for spending an hour
learning of the lives of others than waste
time brooding over past failures.

St. Matthews church was tastefully de-
corated for the occasion, and on Christmas
morning there was Holy Communion at
8:30 a.m. The morning service, with
Holy Communion, at 11 p. m., consisted
of the following:

Rebelle for organ, A. H. Brown.
Litanies of the Saturday, A. H. Brown.
Song, "Nativity," A. H. Brown.
Carol "Ring out a joyful peal, W. Brown.
Hymn 61, ancient and Modern.
Verses (chant), A. H. Brown.
Gloria (chant), A. H. Brown.
Te Deum, A. H. Brown.
Jubilate (chant), A. H. Brown.

Antiphon "Ave, shine for thy
Light is come, G. F. Elvey.
Gloria Tibi, A. H. Brown.
Hymn 222 Ancient and Modern.
Sanctus, A. H. Brown.

RECEIVED TO AVOID MARRIAGE.

TOBACCO, Dec. 19. The police have
decided that Wm. Hatman committed
suicide, and that he did so to avoid marry-
ing the girl he had wronged.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The adjourned annual meeting of the
Brandon Agricultural Society was held at
the City Hall on Monday afternoon, when
a large number of members were present.
The secretary read the financial statement
which was accepted.

The following directors were elected:
Messrs. Harkness, Duran, Reid, Boiford,
Black, Henry Nichol, Vantassed, Walker
and A. Nichol.

TOLL TAX.

Mr. J. Burns is on the war-path, these
days collecting toll-tax. It is amusing to
see the young fellows get across the
street when they see him coming. One
young fellow was up before the P. M.
last Wednesday for non-payment of the
tax. The following directors for today
on account of the absence of C. Sifton,
city solicitor. It seems unjust, that a man
who pays taxes elsewhere should have to
pay a toll-tax when he comes to visit or
reside in Brandon for a month or two.

NEW ORANGE LODGE AT ELK-
HORN.

On Monday evening week L. O. L.
1253 was organized at Elk Horn by County
Master Andrews, assisted by a large num-
ber of brethren from the Chumash, Virden
and Arrow River lodges. The chief offi-
cers are Mr. Feggett, W. M.; R. Rogers,
J. M.; T. D. Cavanagh, Sec. The lodge
starts out with bright prospects and has
no doubt a bright future before it. Short-
ly after midnight the brethren and vis-
itors adjourned to the Cavanagh Hotel and
partook of an oyster supper. Upon Mr.
Cavanagh's usual guest at the close of the
Orange lodge, and four members were ad-
vanced. The Elk Horn lodge will meet on
the Thursday on or after the full moon.

RAILWAY LEGISLATION.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21. Last year a big dis-
cussion was held about the building of
the St. Lawrence at Quebec. The
next session, however, parliament will be
asked to incorporate a company to build a
railway tunnel under the St. Lawrence
river at Quebec.

The Owen Sound & Lake Huron rail-
way will seek incorporation with power to
construct a railway from Owen Sound
passing through the villages of Tara and
Cassidy, thence to Lake Huron at the
town of Goderich, and also to another
point on Lake Huron near Kincardine.

The Brandon & Southwestern railway
will apply for a Dominion act of incorpo-
ration, with power to acquire the assets,
powers and franchise of the Manitoba coal
company (limited).

The Sault Ste. Marie & Atlantic rail-
way will ask for incorporation, with power
to construct a railway from Sault Ste.
Marie to Hamilton Island.

The total deposits in the Government
savings bank on November 29 were \$29,
406,441.

It is proposed to ask parliament to ratify
the ordinance passed last session by
the legislative assembly of the Northwest
Territories, to incorporate the Calgary
water power company (limited) and grant
to the company, in addition to the powers
granted by the ordinance, power to im-
prove the Bow river at and above Calgary
and its tributaries.

The unreserved estimate of inland
revenue accrued during November places the
total at \$863,563.

CHURCH MATTERS.

THE Rev. Dr. Talmage preached noon
Canon of Galilee, on Sunday, taking as his
subject "A Marriage Feast."

The Congregational Sunday School en-
tertainment will be given on New Year's
eve.

The Presbyterian Sunday School gave
their usual entertainment in McHardy
Hall on Christmas. This was a splendid
entertainment and the youngsters enjoyed
themselves immensely. A good programme
was rendered and the attendance was
large. A large number of presents were
given by the children for the Indians of
Mr. Laird's mission at Fort Pelly.

The service of song in the Baptist
church last Sunday was exceedingly fine.
It was composed of Xmas songs at both
services.

Remember the Baptist Sunday School
Xmas tree entertainment tonight (Thurs-
day evening) at 8 o'clock. An excellent
programme will be furnished by the little
folks of the school. Parents and friends
are invited.

The scholars of the Methodist Sunday
School held their annual Christmas tree
entertainment last night, in the church,
and it was a decided success in every
particular. The singing of the children
was much admired, and those present
seemed to enjoy themselves greatly.

The Methodist choir are preparing a
special service of Christmas song for next
Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Wilson will
preach a special sermon suitable to the
season.

Rev. J. H. Best delivered a Masonic
address before a large audience in Virden
on Thursday evening. Several Brandon
ladies were present.

Christmas was great day in the Roman
Catholic church. The builders of the
tastefully decorated inside with ever-
greens and a number of beautiful nothings.
The usual midnight mass service was held
and five services were held altogether
during the day.

No Xmas entertainment is being held
in connection with the church, but the
pupils of the convent purpose giving
one in aid of the Hospital Fund, some-
time in January.

The usual service in the Methodist
church on Sunday morning was dispensed
with and a memorial service held on
account of the death in Toronto, of
one of the great spiritual giants of this
church, the Rev. Dr. Williams. Suitable
addresses were delivered by the pastor,
Hon. J. Sifton and Rev. Mr. Wilson,
and the choir rendered a number
of appropriate anthems.

WEST BRANDON AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY.

The duly elected directors of the above
society met on Friday the 29th, for the
purpose of electing their officers for the
ensuing year. The following were chosen:
Gilbert Wood, president; W. H. Hall,
vice-president; T. H. Patrick, secretary;
J. T. Bainbridge and A. E.
Hitchcock, auditors. The president, vice-
president, directors, and J. Young were
appointed a committee to secure a proper
building to hold the next show in.

TWO MARRIAGES.

Yesterday a beautiful wedding, with the
figure 2 on it, was noticed on top
of the fine hall. Upon inquiry
the inquisitive were told that it was
placed there to do honor to two of the
famous, Messrs. J. Burchill and D. Kit-
chen, who were being united that day in
the holy bonds of wedlock. The former
was married to Miss Griswold and the latter
in Ontario. Don will no longer be a he-
crosse boy.

RAPID CITY.

The social given by Rev. Mr. and Mrs.
Culter at the Presbyterian manse Friday
evening was a very enjoyable affair. A
splendid lunch, to which all present did
ample justice, was provided. Games,
speeches, music, vocal and instrumental
were made by the Revs. Peters, Culter
and McLeish, and Messrs. Hopper, Mc-
Nault, Stone, Owen and others, brevity
being the chief characteristic. Before
closing a hearty vote of thanks was ten-
dered to the host and hostess for the very pleasant
evening.

Engine 112 on the G. N. W. C. railway
went with a mishap Saturday night about
thirteen miles west of Lethbridge. The
train struck a small engine which allowed the
engine to become deranged. No serious dam-
age was done.

The carnival at the skating rink Friday
night was a magnificent success. Many
thought that as this was the first affair of
this nature that we have had here success
would be assured. Many of these affairs
have been happily disappointed, as ex-
pressions of approval and de-
light were unanimous. The rink was
comfortably filled with masqueraders in
gay or grotesque costumes, the disguise
in most cases defying the most inquisi-
tive.

DELOIRINE.

DELOIRINE, Dec. 17. Mr. D. Hyslop
of the Manitoba Coal Co. is in town and
reported that the new shaft at Delo-
irine, on the coast of the St. Lawrence, had been
caused by the machinery, but when Mr.
Hyslop left the mine, steam was up on
the engine and everything in readiness
to go to work in earnest. Mr. Hyslop
expects to have coal on the market in a
very short time.

In the beginning of the month during
two days 150 loads of firewood containing
each from one to two cords of wood were
counted coming out of the Turtle Mount-
ain bush to the south of the town.

MR. W. C. Hamble, solicitor, one of
our most respected citizens, went over to
Dakota last week. Did he sky-out? Oh,
no. When he got back on Saturday
there were "two of him." Billy was play-
ing the annexation dodge on Uncle Sam
and Dakota has lost one of its fair citizens.
The humbuggery must be infectious. Mr.
West Mitchell is two too. They are
both one. Who says that figures lie?

LET US PRAY.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18. An election in
the First Baptist (colored) church in Kan-
sas City, culminated last night in a riot.
Two men were dangerously injured and
number seriously hurt. The dangerously
injured are Benjamin and Wright. It
was the occasion for meeting of the mem-
bers of the church organization to select
officers. The pastor Rev. J. R. Jones,
presided, but the members hostilely
outnumbered his supporters. Whenever
the pastor attempted to speak he was
interrupted by the noisy mob. After prayer
the motion would be renewed and
the pastor would again interrupt by
calling for prayer. This business was in-
terrupted for two hours. Another call
for prayer caused a riot, hymn books and
chairs being thrown. Chairs were pound-
ed over the heads of some of those pre-
sent, and a scene of pandemonium reign-
ed for some time.

KILLED BY A FALLING TREE.

A POOR YOUNG MAN MEETS DEATH AT
FOOTBALL POINT.

Benjamin Taylor met with a fatal ac-
cident about two weeks ago, while cutting
timber with S. Campbell across the river
and a tree fell on him crushing him to
the ground. Campbell by almost superhu-
man exertions, got him extricated and
brought him to Archie Campbell's house.
He lay in a little hope, and the poor fellow
slept, and finally passed away this
morning. His mother came from Touch-
wood Assn. to nurse him, her youngest
and dearest boy. He was a steady reli-
able, hardworking man, and his friends
and relatives know that he has now gone
to a better home.

DOMINION LANDS.

The receipts from Dominion lands dur-
ing the year were: Homesteads, \$39,660;
preemption, \$10,500; improvements, \$1,
128; general sales of lands, \$57,421;
section fees, \$1,007; and other sales, \$2,
200; amounting to \$112,297. By permits,
\$3,721; Bounty paid, \$2,526; miscellaneous
\$19,229. Other smaller sums brought
the total to \$127,000.

STOCK NOTES.

Mr. J. H. Murray of Rapid City, pur-
chased lately a fine thoroughbred bull for
\$250 from Messrs. Strone & Whitehead.
Messrs. Murray also bought three
thoroughbred cows from Geo. Mettall, of
Souris. The cattle are all in good con-
dition.

MOOSOMIN.

MATURITY CANDIDATES—PIERSON GETS
THREE YEARS FOR STEALING WHEAT.

MOOSOMIN, Dec. 19. The election for
mayor promises to be an exciting one.
Both candidates, Mr. Forbes and Mr.
Smith, seem confident of success; how-
ever, election day will prove "the survival
of the fittest."

The examination for entrance to the
high school to be established here, took
place last week. A good number were
successful.

Judgment was given by his Honor
Judge Wetmore in the Queen's Bench,
on Monday. Pierson, it seems, last win-
ter made away with about thirty bushels
of wheat stored in a granary about seven
miles from town. He was let out on bail
but jumped it, and after a long chase,
was caught hiding in bed at home. The
evidence was purely circumstantial, but
sufficient to convict. He was sent down
to Winnipeg for two years. The sentence
may look severe, but when the defence-
less condition in which many farmers are
left is considered, he got his deserts.

The Presbyterian minister, Mr. Dong
less, and his daughter, Mrs. Winchester,
left for a trip to Ontario, Wednesday
morning. During the rev. gentleman's
absence his pulpit will be supplied by Mr.
W. R. Cummings, of Winnipeg.

The bazaar held by the ladies of the
English church at this point was in every
way a success.
Messrs. J. T. Jennings and Leslie Smith
of Waukegan were in the city yesterday.
They have rented the Bankhead Stock
Farm near Waukegan for three years, and
expect to realize a little fortune out of it.

CANADIANS.

visit the old home this winter, and when
you buy your tickets, be sure you read
over "the Burlington" from St. Paul to
Chicago.

THE N. P. AND P. A. D. & W.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—Thomas Marks, of
the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western rail-
way visited the department of railways in
connection with a crossing that road de-
sires over the C. P. R. at Fort William.
He says there is nothing in the rumor
that the Northern Pacific company has
acquired and interest in his road.

COOKED BY ELECTRIC WIRES.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Edward Dalton,
foreman of the improvement gang of the
Lake Shore railway, who resides at Elk-
hart, Ind., met a horrible death here to-
day. He was repairing a skylight of the
roof of the old Union depot and in some
manner fell on an electric wire on the roof
close by. His clothing was disintegrated
by a driving rain which had been falling
and he was immediately prostrated by the
heavy current. He lay here for a half an
hour before the current could be shut off.
When picked up it was found he was ter-
ribly burned and swollen—literally cock-
ed.

THE ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Sporting Editor of the Empire.
Sir,—I wish to settle all controversy re-
garding the rowing championship of the
world, now tentatively vacant through
the death of Henry Ernest Searle. There
is but one way to do this, and that is to
have a race.

How James Stansbury, the most promi-
nent champion in Australia, has announc-
ed his intention of visiting America;
while John Teemer, who has avowed his
intention of going to Australia, asserts
that he is willing to row me or any other
man, but somewhat inconsistently states
that he is going to sail the middle of next
month for Sydney, N. S. W., no matter
what turn things may take.

It would be a great pity if both Messrs.
Stansbury and Teemer were to carry out
their announced intentions. In that case
I should be here to row Stansbury, who
Teemer would be there to row Kemp, all
of us being claimants to the highest rowing
honors of the world. Whoever wins
in either case, we shall be no nearer arriv-
ing at a decision than we are at the pres-
ent moment. I wish to choose this possi-
ble difficulty, and wish also to earn the
title, if it is in me, and I honestly, and
without boasting, believe it is.

I therefore, herewith challenge any
man in the world to row me a race for
\$2,000, or more, a mile, and herewith de-
posit \$500 with the Empire Publishing
Company to make such challenge good. I
will leave this offer open for three months
from time of acceptance.

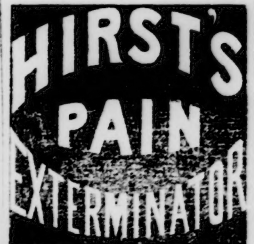
Teemer really imagines he can beat
me, here is his chance. At any rate until
he has been defeated, he has no claim to
any possible claim to a championship of any
kind.

I hope that everybody will agree with
me that my offer is a fair and open one,
and that it will be considered an honest at-
tempt to settle a much vexed question in
the only way that it can be properly de-
cided, namely, by a good, square race. I
have no fear of any sculler in the world,
and from this out shall consider that, no
matter how many claimants may arise, no
man can honestly be styled champion of
the world until he has given me a race
and won the stakes.

Yours, etc.,

WM. O'CONNOR.

Toronto, Dec. 18th, 1899.


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